

the Birmingham Bishopric scheme by Bishop Philpott's declaration of his willingness to contribute £800 per annum from his pension of £1,500 drawn from the endowments of the See of Worcester.

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The Marquis of Salisbury, speaking at the new United Club lately, remarked that five years ago he said he considered that the interests of the Established Church was one of the paramount features of the conflict that was impending. He now said so no longer, with regard to England at least. Unless he was deceived, the English Church had, within the last five years, gained considerably in power, and removed to a long distance the epoch when her existence, as an Established Church, would be the object of sustained attack.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury lately preached in S. Paul's Cathedral to the members of the Ancient Order of Foresters, who were holding their annual High Court in London. This is the first occasion, we believe, on which such a Service has been held in the cathedral. The importance of the occasion may be gathered from the fact that the 1,200 delegates who listened to the Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon represented a total membership in the order of 700,000 men. The capital held by the order amounts to £4,000,000.

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It appears from recent returns that out of an increased income from private benefactions since 1703 of £284,000, no less than five-sixths have been contributed in the fifty years since 1836. During the same period £56,000,000

have been spent in church building, £34,000,000 in education of the poor, and £25 000,000 on missions—over £100,000,000 since the Oxford revival began.

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The Archbishop of Dublin, in some letters to the Archbishop of Armagh, has given an explanation in reference to the recent ordination, in the private chapel of his palace, of a deacon for the Spanish and Portuguese Reformed Churches. The matter has been the subject of much hot discussion, and is, in fact, still under debate, although we venture to think what the Archbishop of Dublin has written is of such a character that there is no occasion for further controversy. His Grace admits in effect that the ordination was a mistake, and spontaneously undertakes not to hold such an ordination again.

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There are few sadder and briefer records of an Episcopate than that of the late Bishop of Honduras. The Ven. Archdeacon Holme was consecrated on the 1st of March, 1891, at Barbadoes. He set sail from thence in company with the Bishop and Assistant-Bishop of Jamaica, reaching Kingston on March 6th, where he had to wait eighteen days for the ill-fated steamer *Aguan*, from New York. On the morning of Thursday in Holy Week, March 26th, the ship struck on a well-known dangerous reef, El Ecuador—"the Snorer," about 400 miles from Kingston, half way on their journey. They were about 200 miles from any place from which help could be procured, but fortunately all the passengers were able to take refuge on a sand-bank about five miles distant. The bi-